Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know how he was connected with the leading papers in Madras and Calcutta?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—For some time he was on the editorial staff of the Times of India and the Statesman. He was also connected with the 'Justice' as its sub-editor. He was connected with very many papers before he came to Cochin.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the Government have any idea of his journalistic experience as an Editor?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Vast.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can we have any definite idea of that vastness of experience in terms of words?

Anchal Service—Delivery of letters.

28. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when will a letter posted at about 4 p. m. on a certain day at the Anchal Office, Chittur, be delivered to the addressee at Ernakulam;

(2) when will a letter posted at 6 p. m. in Madras on a day be delivered to the addressee at Chittur?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(1) A letter posted at 4 p. m. at the Chittur Anchal Office on a day will be delivered at Ernakulam 18 hours later.

(2) A letter posted at 6 p. m. in Madras on a day will be delivered at Chittur by about the same time as is shown in the answer to sub-division (1).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—The clearance in Chittur Anchal Office is between 2 and 3. These letters are taken to Trichur by bus and kept there for the Cochin Express the next day. My question was with regard to a letter posted at 4 p. m., i. e. after the clearance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to consider the possibility of shortening the time taken for delivery of letters posted at Chittur to

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Ernakulam? It is stated that a letter posted in Chittur takes as much time for delivery here as a letter posted in Madras.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Here, so far as Chittur is concerned, the method of taking letters is through bus. It is considered undesirable to allow buses to travel during night. Hence the delay.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Before the advent of the present Superintendent letters were carried by buses. A letter posted under the old system reaches Ernakulam in a shorter time than the present system. This is the reorganisation that the present superintendent has effected. The new system has made matters worse.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—Can I take that the minimum time that will elapse after one posts a letter at Chittur and its arrival at Ernakulam will be 18 hours?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—What is the minimum time? Suppose it is posted before the clearance time, when will it reach Ernakulam?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—18 hours.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—What is the time taken by the post office?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Probably the same time, if not more.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon *(Ernakulam South).*—I think it is better to resort to the old system as far as Chittur is concerned. Will they consider the desirability of reviving to the old system?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Godown at Mattancheri for storing Coir Goods—Starting of.

29. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state when they would start the proposed Godown at Mattancheri for storing Coir Goods?

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